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Mrs. Russell Elrod, Mrs. Carroll Hollensworth and Mrs. Merlin M. Moore are snapped at the serving table during the tea the Arkansas Library Commission gave Wednesday afternoon, January 28, by the Board and staff of the Arkansas Library Commission. The party was given honoring wives of the constitutional officers and legislators.

LIBRARY BOARD ENTERTAINS

Wives of state officers and legislators were honor guests at a tea given from 2 until 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 28, by the Board and staff of the Arkansas Library Commission. The party was held in the State Library, 506½ Center Street.

Mrs. Merlin Moore, chairman of the Commission, greeted the guests. Mrs. Carroll Hollensworth of Warren, wife of the speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mrs. Russell

Elrod of Siloam Springs, whose husband was president pro tem of the Senate, alternated at the coffee service. Board members assisting were Mrs. Karl Neal, Miss Pearl Williamson of DeQueen, Mrs. Lee Martin of Little Rock and Mrs. L. T. Hill of Imboden.

The tea table was covered with a lace cloth. The centerpiece was a crystal epergne filled with an arrangement of pink carnations, white candy tuft and fern.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Planning Committee of the Arkansas Library Association met in Little Rock at the Arkansas Library Commission office on Saturday, February 21. Mrs. Hazel Deal, librarian, Washington County Library, Chairman, presided.

The purpose of the Committee is to draw up recommendations for the future development of Arkansas libraries with the ultimate goal of an increase in efficiency and coverage of library service throughout the state. Preliminary reports of the Planning Committee will be ready for presentation to the next annual conference of the Arkansas Library Association which is scheduled for October 23-24, 1953.

Besides the chairman, Mrs. Deal, other members attending the meeting were Miss Lucille Slater, librarian, Union County Library, El Dorado; Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock; and Marvin Miller, director of libraries, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Mrs. Merlin Moore, chairman, Arkansas Library Commission Board, Little Rock, also attended this first meeting of the Planning Committee. The Committee will meet again on April 21 in consultation with Miss S. Janice Kee, executive secretary, Public Libraries Division, American Library Association, who will be in Little Rock en route to Chicago, Illinois.

COOPERATION IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM

By Sarah Lewis Jones¹

Cooperative planning is basic to the development of good school library programs; and all those concerned with the growth and development of boys and girls should have a share in this planning, including the boys and girls themselves.

We can plan on the state level for such cooperative activities as centralized cataloging, the purchase of materials, and in-service and pre-service education opportunities. Standards for school libraries and the certification of school librarians are also of state-wide concern.

On the local level the planning should include such people as school, public and college librarians, teachers, administrators, instructional supervisors, parents, and boys and girls.

Librarians in an area can work together on the selection of materials, in order that collections can supplement and strengthen each other rather than represent an un-

necessary duplication. This is good business as well as good book selection. Centralized processing of material offers a rich field for exploration.

The financing of a school library program, the provision of adequate quarters and the scheduling of library use make planning with the administrator mandatory.

Instruction in the use of the library, the use that is made of library materials and the selection of these materials are the joint concerns of the librarian and teachers.

There are few, if any, librarians today who do not depend on the boys and girls of a school to help keep the library functioning smoothly. Whether the school has a library council, room representatives, a library club, or depends entirely on student assistants, the librarian looks to the students to keep him informed about classroom assignments, the ex-

¹ Miss Jones is assistant director, Textbook and Library Division, Georgia State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia. A talk delivered to the School section of the Arkansas Library Association during the annual conference October 20-21, 1952.

tent to which the collection is meeting the needs of boys and girls, and the attitude of the students toward the library. The responsibility boys and girls share with the librarian in the actual operation of the library cannot be over-estimated.

We have been accustomed in the past to such organizations as the P.T.A. assuming an actual share in the financing of the library. As this financial obligation has been recognized as a part of the administrative cost of the school, we should be alert to find ways in which the citizens of the community can give counsel and guidance about library policies; and we should capitalize on the already existing interest many citizens have in the library.

STUDENT LIBRARIANS MEET AT OZARK

The Arkansas Student Librarians Association held their first annual meeting at Ozark High School on March 21, under sponsorship of the School Library Section of the Arkansas Education Association. Mrs. H. L. Overbey, Ozark Library Club sponsor, was chairman of arrangements.

The program theme was "Books are the key to life." Miss Hope Smith, Ozark, president, introduced Mrs. Paul Faris, Conway free-lance writer, whose talk on "Writing as a hobby" highlighted the program. An open discussion of the problems of student librarians was led by Fourche

This cooperative planning assumes that the librarian must have some time to work with the administrator, with teachers, pupils and parents. Many librarians feel that no extra time is available. There is no easy answer. It means making use of staff meetings, pre-planning and post-planning weeks, individual conferences, better use of student assistants through the delegation to them of more responsibility, written reports and publicity in the school newspaper, and the use of room representatives. It can be done if librarians feel that it is important.

Cooperative planning is not easy, it is not the quick answer; but it will result in a sound program of library service that will meet the needs of teachers, boys and girls.

Valley Club. The afternoon business meeting included the reading and adoption of the Association's constitution and the election of officers for next year. New officers of the Student Librarians Association include: Melba Walthal, president, Magnolia, Arkansas; Gail Huskey, vice-president, Conway; Joyce Holland, secretary, Little Rock; Gail Gaitley, treasurer, Danville; Betty Martin, reporter, Hazen; and Lou Ann Young, historian, Fourche Valley High School.

Sixteen clubs were represented at this first annual meeting. 110 persons were registered.

LIBRARY SERVICE PROVIDED FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL

The Washington County Library, Fayetteville, has inaugurated a new service. Co-sponsors of the project, begun early in March, are the County Library, the County Hospital and the Women's Club of the University.

The hospital received the anonymous gift of a book truck on which books can be wheeled from room to room. The Library provides books

and magazines and the supervision; the hospital grants space needed for storage of materials; and the Women's Club is providing the personnel to take the books around on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Mrs. Hazel Deal, librarian, said that Washington County Library "is interested in providing similar service at other hospitals if they desire the service."

"WE SING OF SPRING"



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So it's spring again, tra-la! Naturally, everybody wants to spruce up a bit and put a jolly foot forward. Which includes—yes, you've guessed it—librarians. Just in case you might be interested in what Arkansas librarians are doing or have done to improve their headquarters and branches and to enliven library service generally, we are quoting directly from the many replies received in response to an inquiry on spring cleaning in Arkansas this year.

"Below I am listing the improvements made in our library recently: (1) Installation of venetian blinds in the upstairs reading room; (2) conversion of an old washroom into a small lounge with dressing table and bed. Another improvement which will be made right away is the converting of a small office downstairs into a listening room."

Gladys Sachse, assistant librarian,
Arkansas State Teachers College,
Conway.

"We have done nothing big, but the place does look a little brighter as a result of the annual urge for rejuvenation in both staff and building. We invested a small sum in paint which was spread with a free hand in the Children's room. Colors: Chinese red, apple green and yellow, giving a gay touch to table, chairs and shelves.

Item two. Plastic letters in white, 1½ inches high, have been bought, and it is amazing what one can do with these. For instance, signs such as "READ THE VERY LATEST; SCOUTING; BIRDS & SPRING; CHILDREN", are used. We also have the names of the girls who are in charge of circulation on the desk at the time they are there. They are MRS. WELCH, JEANIE, MEL-ROSE. Jeanie and Melrose have such long last names we thought it wise to use first names; anyway, the patrons call them by first names. We have had much comment (nice) on this improvement to our service.

Three. The librarian's office is now graced with a lovely steel desk of which we are very proud. I felt like Jacob who worked seven years for Rachel and got Leah. I worked almost seven years at Washington, using an old wreck of a desk, came to Arkadelphia and inherited an old antediluvian type object that I had to call a desk, but NOW you should see me behind this lovely "Rachel" of a desk. I truly know how Jacob felt when, after 14 years, he finally achieved his heart's desire . . ."

Mrs. Anne L. Jackson, librarian,
Clark County Library,
Arkadelphia.

"Our 'spring cleaning' does not sound very glamorous, as we are just doing the usual scrubbing and dusting; . . . we are hoping to start renovating an old building in June. Our Cleburne County Library in Heber Springs looks all spruced up with fresh spring flowers. Last spring we added new shelving there, and we now have a very attractive room."

Mrs. Mary Beth Griffith, librarian,
Cleburne-Independence Regional
Library, Batesville.

"The newly decorated interior is the most striking evidence of changes made at the library during recent weeks. Eye-rest green paint on all walls and exposed woodwork, including shelves, and 'day-light' lighting, provided by 17 indirect fixtures of silver-colored concentric metallic rings, have completely modernized the drab, old-fashioned reading room.

To complete the shipshape and shining effect, the ceiling, damaged beyond repair by long-time leaks, has been replastered and painted white. Floors have been sanded, sealed and waxed, tables given a fresh coat of varnish, and a combined workroom and office has been contrived in the southeast corner by

an ingenious rearrangement of shelves.

Outside woodwork of the brick building has also been painted, and new gutters have been installed. In addition, all tiles of the roof were taken up and reset on new felt.

So our cleaning was really fall cleaning, although it left us with so many of the old books which had not been properly processed, which we are now endeavoring to take care of."

E. H. Dalke, librarian,
Conway-Perry Regional Library,
Morrilton.

"You are exactly correct—this is the time of year to think about spring house cleaning, and we are doing a little here in headquarters library. However, what we are doing is just what is absolutely necessary. We are putting new ceiling tile in our auditorium, because the old ceiling was about to fall on the speaker's head. Then we are also cleaning the wall down our stairway where little as well as large hands have been placed too often.

We have moved our station library in Caraway into a new location, and we had to do some decorating there; so it looks attractive now with its new coat of light green walls and a cleaned and waxed floor. Our Monette branch was painted last spring, and a lovely new picture hung above the fireplace."

Elizabeth Malone, librarian,
Public Library of Jonesboro and
Craighead County, Jonesboro.

"The paint job in our library was completed in January, 1952. The entire interior had a new coat of paint, in nice shades of green and yellow. The Conway Garden Club takes care of the library grounds for one of its projects. Thanks to it, we now have daffodils, crocuses, and hyacinths in bloom.

The Clinton Branch Library recently recovered its sofa and some of its chair seats. They had additional shelving added last year to take care of the larger book stock."

Mrs. Dula H. Reid, librarian,
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library,
Conway.

This, too, happened in the fall. . . .

"A new juvenile room was added to the Fulton County Library, Salem, November, 1952. The room was formerly the only room which housed library books until the move into new quarters, November, 1951. The room is decorated with sun-lite yellow walls, and a Williamsburg green for the ceiling. The floor is laid with grey and red asphalt tile. Floral drapes hang at the large double window. A sand table, record player, tables and chairs of various heights have been added.

The addition of this children's room made it possible for the library to inaugurate a regular story hour for children, and also will allow more spacious convenience for their accommodation during vacation reading programs."

Mrs. Mabel Phillips, librarian,
Fulton County Library, Salem.

"As our building is new, we are not doing too much in the way of spring clean-up. We have had our windows washed, however! Some additional shrubs are being planted, and our winter grass is green. A means of darkening the club room, in order to use films, has been worked out. We have two new book trucks and a new bookcase with glass doors for a special collection of our rare material. We are continually working toward labor-saving processes that will result in better service. Quite a number of memorial books are being presented to the library. Additional book shelves have been placed in our Negro

branch. Also, a card catalog has been added."

Evelyn Simpson, librarian,
Garland County Library,
Hot Springs.

"Our upstairs room is looking very attractive since we have our new drapes of green faille. These drapes are light proof, and movies and colored slides are now being shown at the 'Story Hour' which is held once a month.

Our Tuckerman branch library has moved into a larger room . . . good lighting . . . and five new tables."

Mrs. Jessie Bach, librarian,
Jackson County Library, Newport.

"In answer to your letter about what has been happening at our library, we thought we might mention a few of the things we have done recently. Among the first is that we have enlarged our children's section. This section is built around one of our big front windows. We have had some shelves put under this window so that we might have more shelving space, also that we might use the top, which is even with the window, to display our children's magazines. These shelves have been painted red to match the others of this section; and red shelves along with our potted plants in the windows add to the color of the section. Also, we have arranged more space to display our book jackets, and we have one central bulletin board we might use as a display for the month.

Our record player that has been added recently is something we are very proud of. It has the three speeds, and we use it in our story hours when we are out to the schools or here at the library. In our workshop we have added a new press for our mended books. We have made other repairs and alterations, but we feel that these are the most noticeable."

Nadean Crockett, librarian,
Lawrence County Library, Walnut Ridge.

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"We have made some changes in our workroom, have had some new shelving made, and a tub file built. It didn't seem worthy of mention, but these little changes have added so much to our comfort, we feel as if a great deal has been done. In December we added a new section to the Card Catalog."

Mrs. Marietta Edens, librarian,
Ozarks Regional Library, Clarks-
ville.

"Of course we have 'prettied' up our library. After being at Emory last summer, I came home with a lot of ideas, some not practical for us. However, we did the following at headquarters: the walls throughout the main library and the rooms for magazines, excess books, and our storeroom: they are a lovely soft green and make a nice background for our pictures. Then we had window-seats made for the front windows; these are used for displays and are very effective. Also, window seats all along the south wall, so a person can sit back there and browse to his heart's content. We also had the floor covered with linoleum, and that adds considerably to the looks of the library. I say we look like an 'ad' for a florist shop with all our growing plants and cut flowers, but it does make the library attractive. Then we added some more library stacks to take the place of some old book shelves we had. We expect to finish up the job of replacing shelves with library stacks before long.

The branches have done a little fixing up, too. Both Marvell and West Helena put in a rest room. Both have had their floors done over, and West Helena is contemplating a paint job—outside, by the city, and inside by the county library."

Lucy Sanders, librarian, Phillips
County Library, Helena.

"We were in the midst of spring cleaning when your request for information came. The job is not fin-

ished yet, but much improvement is apparent when you enter the door. The ceiling and walls have been painted ivory and all the shelving refinished in oak. The smell lingers on, but we are not complaining!

We have asphalt tile in a light shade for the floor, but the workmen have not gotten around to laying it. That will help more than anything, I believe. Incidentally, our library and its services show up nicely in the local progress."

Nina Turner, librarian, Sharp
County Library, Hardy.

"The McGehee Branch Library, I believe, has had more work of a 'brightening up' nature done on it recently than any of our other branches. All of it was the result of the effort and under the supervision of Mrs. I. C. Oxner, member of the Regional Board from McGehee. Not all of this was done at one time, but in recent months they have had the walls painted a sea-foam green, added a new section of shelving, had the desk redone, bought a new office chair for the librarian, and put up paper curtains. I might add that it was all done at the expense of the local board."

Elisabeth Huey, librarian,
Southeast Arkansas Regional Li-
brary, Monticello.

"New shelving for juvenile books has been installed in the Union County Library in El Dorado. The shelves are adjustable and are painted an eye-rest green. The special section for picture books is in the center, with a bulletin board above. A bench and small chairs, painted green and yellow, are placed conveniently in front of this section. The shelf below the bulletin board is used for book displays.

Lucille Slater, librarian, Union
County Library, El Dorado.

"The Woodruff County Library, located in the west wing of the Augusta city auditorium-gymnasium,

got a real break this year when the city redecored the building. With a combination of county and city help, some fine money, some memorial money, and some contributed varnish and time, we have a fine-looking library. The library has always shared a common door with the gymnasium which the school uses. This led to all sorts of complications. Now a new outside door has been cut, and we have a covered private entrance of our own, and we have a new library sign on it. Plaster was patched; and the city furnished paint, and we had our walls painted in melody green. Two reading lamps were furnished as memorial gifts.

Some of the high school boys were refinishing the gym floor, and saw how worn ours looked; so when they found that they would have some varnish left over, they came in and put a new coat on our floor. The city fixed us a curbing from our new concrete porch to the front walk, and the county had promised gravel to make this a combined walk and drive. A large unused closet was given us and we had the wall taken out, so our store room is almost doubled in size and we have a private entrance to the rest room. We now have a place for back magazine files. The entire shelving had to be

rearranged in the library, and every book moved. A new librarian's desk has been ordered, and our new work space is much more efficient. We hope to add some new shelving this year.

The County library board has allowed some money for redecorating of the branches in McCrory and Cotton Plant. This will be used for painting walls and shelving."

Mrs. Evelyn Griffiths, librarian,
Woodruff County Library,
Augusta.

"There has been a great deal of paint spread around the Yell County Library recently. Practically the entire courthouse, where the library is housed, has been painted, inside and out.

The adult room of the library now has sunbeam yellow walls with white ceiling, shelves, and woodwork. It is surprising what a difference these fresh, bright colors have made in the natural light within this normally dark room. (You can now read the titles of the books on the shelves.) Besides, our paint-stuck windows foiled a burglary attempt during the past weekend."

Mrs. Robbie Rowlett, librarian,
Yell County Library, Danville.

ALA "HELPED BRING OUT A RECORD VOTE"

The American Library Association has received one of the top awards of the American Heritage Foundation for "the most intensive and effective effort by a national professional association" in support of the recent Register and Vote Campaign sponsored by the Foundation.

The actual award is a multi-color picturization of Americana by the late artist, Arthur Szyk, designed and produced by the National Lithographic Association.

Public libraries throughout the country participated in the campaign

which helped bring out a record vote in the November election. Three awards for outstanding library programs were made jointly by ALA and the American Heritage Foundation at the ALA Midwinter Meeting to Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library, Chicago Public Library, and Muncie (Ind.) Public Library.

Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary of the ALA Public Libraries Division, directed library participation. Jack B. Spear, PLD president-elect, was chairman of the Register and Vote Committee.

POLIO FACTS FOR 1953

Tremendous recent progress toward a control for infantile paralysis has brought us to the threshold of prevention of the disease. Thanks to the support of the March of Dimes by the American people, scientists are now planning the first field trials of a polio vaccine, and manufacturers are producing the blood fraction, gamma globulin, for limited use as a temporary preventive of paralysis.

Both are good news. Hope rides high.

But despite this, 1953 will see outbreaks of polio; we cannot count on any startling reduction of cases this year. Reasons:

- (1) the vaccine is **not** here—it has yet to be tested;
- (2) despite every effort of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the American Red Cross and government authorities, gamma globulin will be in such short supply it can be given to fewer than one million children out of a population of 46,000,000 in the most susceptible age groups.

We must understand and accept the facts and keep cool heads when

faced with the reality of polio. We cannot relax our watchfulness nor ignore the usual precautions yet awhile. If polio comes to your community, you will want to observe the sensible rules for good health that have been urged in previous years:

- ... let your children continue to play with their usual companions—avoid new groups;
- ... make sure they scrub their hands before eating, avoid use of other people's soiled towels, dishes and tableware;
- ... beware of fatigue and chilling, which lower resistance to polio virus;
- ... don't subject young children to unnecessary and lengthy travel.

Consult your doctor if your child has any symptoms of polio: headache, fever, sore throat, upset stomach, stiff neck or back—and keep him in bed, away from others, till the doctor comes.

If polio strikes, turn to your local Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for advice and financial assistance where needed.

Conquest of polio is not yet here—but final victory is much nearer.

SUMMER SESSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Today there are many more openings than there are qualified librarians. Librarians' salaries have come a long way since 1933.

The University of North Carolina's School of Library Science will, as usual, offer courses in library science in its 1953 Summer Session. The first term will be from June 11 through July 17, and the second term from July 20 through August 22. Visiting instructors will include Miss Azile Wofford and Mr. J. N. Whitten of the University of Kentucky's Department of Library Science, and Mrs. Louise Moore Plybon, Elementary School Librarian, Charlotte,

N.C., formerly Head of the Department of Library Science, Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, N.C. Miss Lucile Kelling will serve as Acting Dean and will teach the courses in reference and book selection, the first term; Miss Susan Grey Akers, Dean, will administer the School the second term.

The chief requirement for admission to work towards a degree in library science is a bachelor's degree based on a good general education. Persons with majors in fields as different as chemistry and English history are needed to prepare for work in different types of libraries. A

reading knowledge of at least one modern foreign language is an asset, when not a requirement.

Courses will be offered for the one-year B.S. in Library Science program; the M.S. in Library Science

program; the Master of School Librarianship program; and for teachers or others interested in taking courses in library science to qualify as librarians in the smaller elementary or secondary schools.

ANOTHER SERVICE FOR OUR LIBRARIANS

Radio Spot Announcements designed for ready adaptation to the resources of virtually any public library, are furnished each month as an ALA service and developed by the Public Relations Committee of the American Library Association.

More than 550 librarians already are on the mailing list and receive the Radio Spot Announcements regularly, according to Albert C. Young, Supervisor, Public Relations and Exhibits, Cleveland Public Library, who is chairman of the Committee.

There are usually eight spot announcements each month, dealing with a variety of library services, and since they are professionally prepared, radio stations find them highly acceptable for use, librarians report.

Librarians interested in receiving the ALA Radio Spot Announcements should address requests to Len Arnold, Public Relations Consultant, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

NEW COUNTY LIBRARY BOARDS

Board Members for Greene County Library:

- Miss Presta Ritter, Paragould, Arkansas, chairman.
- Mrs. W. L. Skaggs, Paragould, Arkansas.
- Mrs. L. V. Rhine, Paragould, Arkansas.
- Mr. R. M. Ahlf, Marmaduke, Arkansas, Rt. 1.
- Mr. Earl Gramling, Paragould, Arkansas, Rt. 4.
- Mr. George Collier, Paragould, Arkansas, Rt. 6.

Board Members for Baxter County Library:

- Mrs. Nell Powell Wright, Mountain Home, Arkansas, chairman.
- W. A. Thompson, Cotter, Arkansas.
- Mrs. W. J. McVey, Norfolk, Arkansas.
- Nemo Norman, Culp, Arkansas.
- Marshal Getchell, Gamaliel, Arkansas.
- Mrs. Britt Copeland, Three Brothers, Arkansas.

IN MEMORIAM CHRISTINE SANDERS

Christine Sanders, a native of Helena, Arkansas, died on March 11th in Nashville, Tennessee, after an illness of several months.

Miss Sanders started her life work as librarian in the Helena Public Library in 1922. She was a graduate of the Library School of the University of Illinois, and was the first trained librarian employed in the Helena Library. Under her guidance library methods were instituted, and during the six years of her librarianship much was done to have the library conform to professional standards. In 1928 she was granted a year's leave of absence and went to Little Rock to be librarian of the Free Library Service Bureau.

In the summer of 1934 she was offered and accepted the position of librarian in the St. Albans Free Public Library, St. Albans, Vermont, and this position she held until her death.

Her work in her chosen field was outstanding, and she was known both in Arkansas and Vermont as a leader in her profession.

The following tribute appeared in the St. Albans paper: "In the death of Miss Christine Sanders, the entire community has suffered a grave loss. For eighteen years she gave herself unstintingly to a demanding profession, bringing to it vigor, intelligence and imagination. Every useful, self-examined life must, if it is to be successful, have an objective; and hers was to stimulate and encourage the reading of good books. Despite recurrent ill health during the past two years, she continued to discharge her duties with no loss, whatsoever, of either enthusiasm or complete integrity. For a long time to come, many a person walking into the library to borrow or return a book, will know a moment of genuine sadness that she is no longer there."

14 FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED BY ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SERVICE

The Carnegie Fellowships have been established to aid young men and women who have the ability and who desire to follow this profession, to prepare for positions in school, college, special and public libraries.

The Carnegie Corporation's five-year grant to Atlanta University for library service fellowships was prompted by the acute need for trained Negro librarians throughout the United States and in foreign countries.

Graduates of recognized colleges who are interested in engaging in

full time study toward the degree of Master of Science in Library Service are eligible to apply.

Four fellowships of \$500 each and ten fellowships of \$300 each will be awarded on the basis of academic record, potential leadership and character.

For further information write: The Director, School of Library Service, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. (Applications must be received not later than June 1, 1953.)

NEWS NOTES

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Arkansas Library Association was set for October 23-24 during a meeting of the Executive Board at Pulaski County Library headquarters on Saturday, February 21. The meeting was called by the Association president, Miss Mary Sue Shepherd.

REMODELING OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY and the branch library on East Thirteenth Street has been completed recently. Miss Elsie Weisenberger is librarian.

THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY LIBRARY has recently opened a branch at Wilson. Mrs. Bruce Frizzell, high school librarian, is in charge of the Wilson branch which is located upstairs over the offices of Drs. Ellis and Fairley. The branch, sponsored by the Cooperative Club, will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. The local collection has been supplemented with books on loan from Mississippi County Library.

CONWAY-PERRY REGIONAL LIBRARY, in Morrilton, Arkansas, held open house on Sunday afternoon, January 4, when guests were received in the newly redecorated reading room which had been closed since October 18 for a "complete overhauling". While repair work was in process, regular library service operations were carried on in the basement of the building. E. H. Dahlke is librarian.

MISS LUCY SANDERS, Phillips County librarian, is also director of the county's museum, a position which she has held for more than twenty years. In an article which appeared in the *COMMERCIAL APPEAL* on January 1, 1953, Miss Sanders was quoted as exclaiming once during a visit to the state museum at Little Rock: "Shucks! We've got

all that in Helena!" Pride which is justifiable indeed, since the Phillips County Museum, with its some 10,000 items, is considered one of the most complete smallity institutions of its type in the United States. Established in 1929 by Helena women, it occupies a large, high-ceilinged room in the county library building at Helena.

CARAWAY began operation of its **new City Library** during the month of January. The library is located on the Main street of Caraway. A city library board was elected including the following officers: chairman, W. H. Smith; vice-president, P. N. Haag; secretary-treasurer, Wilson Dallas; assistant secretary-treasurer. Mrs. L. F. May, Mrs. Tom Bottom and Amos David are board members.

DR. LOUIS WOLSEY, aged 76, one of the founders of the Little Rock Public Library during the time when he served as rabbi of Temple B'Nai Israel at Little Rock from 1899 to 1907, died in Philadelphia March 4. Prominent in national Jewish life and a member of the Commission on Jewish Education, Dr. Wolsey was a leading figure in the community life of each of three cities in which he served during a long ministry. Before going to Philadelphia in 1925, he was at Cleveland, Ohio, for eighteen years. While at Little Rock, he also served on the Board of Education and was one of the founders of the Levi Memorial Hospital at Hot Springs.

MRS. KARL NEAL AND MISS FREDDY SCHADER, from the Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock, and MRS. DOROTHY FENTON, from State College, Jonesboro, served as library science counselors for the program for high school teachers during a teachers' workshop at Cave City, sponsored by Sharp

County Teachers Association in cooperation with Dean H. Whiteside, State Department of Education, and J. A. Carpenter, supervisor of Sharp County schools at Evening Shade.

MISS MARY SUE SHEPHERD, president, Arkansas Library Association; Mrs. Merlin Moore, chairman, Arkansas Library Commission; Mrs. Hazel Deal, chairman, Planning Committee of Arkansas Library Association; and Miss Dorothy Fenton, librarian, State College, Jonesboro, all attended the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, February 2-7, 1953.

MRS. OPAL WALTERS, former librarian at Jonesboro High School, assumed the position as cataloger in the Torreyson Library of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, on January 26. She received her masters degree in library science from the University of Denver in 1952. Mrs. Walters had been a teacher in the Batesville public schools at one time for several years.

MRS. LOUIS DUNAWAY, also a staff member at A.S.T.C.'s Torreyson Library, has been appointed full-time reader's advisor under the Ford Foundation plan.

LT. CMDR. HOWARD LEROY TERRY was killed in the crash of a Navy jet plane near Absecon, N. J., on March 19. Besides his wife and a son, survivors also include his mother, Mrs. George J. Terry, a member of the Batesville City Library board, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Beth Griffith, who is librarian,

Cleburne-Independence Regional Library, with headquarters at Batesville. Commander Terry was stationed at Atlantic City with Composite Squadron Four. He had tentative orders for Korean duty in April.

MR. FRED SCHADER of Little Rock, retired merchandise broker, died at a Little Rock hospital Thursday, March 26. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Miss Freddy Schader, circulation librarian, Arkansas Library Commission.

MRS. MERLIN M. MOORE, chairman, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock, went on an interesting pilgrimage to the Charleston, S. C., area during the week of March 24. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and a friend, Mrs. Manley Goodwin, accompanied Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. C. H. Moore, to the home of her (Seabrook) family ancestors on Edisto Island, thus enabling the elderly Mrs. Moore to realize a wish of long standing.

GRANT COUNTY LIBRARY, Sheridan, is expected to move into a new modernistic library building of brick construction sometime in April. Mrs. Clarice Johnson is librarian.

MISS EVELYN SIMPSON, librarian, Garland County Library, was contributor to the March-April issue of THE UPPER ROOM, Methodist daily devotional publication. The devotional contributed by Miss Simpson suggests the reading of Phillipians 4:8-13, and is titled "The Spirit of Paul's Ministry". Besides a prayer, it contains this thought for the day: "This day I will strive to earn contentment."

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